

#24186
3/18/03

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0021

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Address to:
Commissioner for Patents
Box RCE
Washington, DC 20231

Application Number	09/824,851
Filing Date	04/02/01
First Named Inventor	Singh
Art Unit	1637
Examiner Name	J. Tung
Attorney Docket Number	033.11US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

a. Previously submitted

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on 21 February 2003 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(l) required)

b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.50-2266

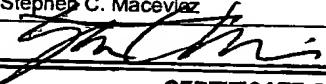
- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)
- ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.138 and 1.17)
- iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

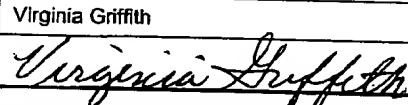
WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print /Type)	Stephen C. Maceviaz	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	30,285
Signature		Date	March 18, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below:

Name (Print /Type)	Virginia Griffith	Date	March 18, 2003	TJOHNS04 00000002 502266 09824851
Signature				

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND FEES AND COMPLETED FORMS TO THE following address: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231.

01 FC:2001

375.00 CH

#25158
3/20/03
COPY OF #2013

CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below:


Stephen C. Macevicz
Reg. No. 30,285

21
February 20, 2003
Date

Pages transmitted (incl cover): 16

Destination FAX number:
(703) 305-3014

Case No. 033.11 (0225-0033.26)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Singh

Serial No: 09/824,851

Examiner: J. Tung

Filed: 02 April 2001

Art Unit: 1637

For: KITS EMPLOYING GENERALIZED
TARGET-BINDING E-TAG PROBES

AMENDMENT under 37 CFR 1.116

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

ENTERED
2/21/03

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 3 January 2003, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6-12 and 25 and replace the indicated claims with the following amended claims:

5. (Amended) A kit for detecting the presence or absence of one or more target compounds, the kit comprising: